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GRANT TRAINING WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED ON FUNDING FOR TRADITIONAL FISHING PROJECTS

Honolulu, Hawaii – With approximately \$1 million available in 2004 and 2005, the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WestPac) partnered with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) to conduct six grant training workshops throughout the state on the Western Pacific Demonstration Projects Community Grants Program. The level of interest received from the workshops contributed to the increase in the overall number of grant submissions from Hawai'i.

These workshops provided an overview of the Western Pacific Demonstration Projects Community Grants Program that was created to foster and promote traditional indigenous fishing practices in the Western Pacific Region which includes Hawai'i, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Pacific island possessions of Jarvis, Johnston, Wake, Howland and Baker Islands, Kingman Reef, and Palmyra and Midway Atolls. Participants also worked through proposal development exercises.

“Fishing has always been vital to Native Hawaiians,” said Robin Danner, CNHA President. “The WestPac grant program provides resources to our local communities in perpetuating our traditional fishing practices and preserving our oceans and native species of fish. It’s important to support those in our community who are working to ensure future generations will still have access to these resources.”

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WestPac was established to manage fisheries in waters surrounding Hawai'i, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Led by Executive Director Kitty Simonds, WestPac's main purpose is to protect fishery resources while maintaining opportunities for domestic fishing. WestPac's current priorities include recovery of protected species, conservation, research, education and outreach. To learn more, contact WestPac at 808.522.8220 or www.wpcouncil.org.

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is a national, member-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community development in Native communities. For more information, please call 808.521.5011 (toll free at 808.709.2642) or visit their Web site at www.hawaiiancouncil.org.

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